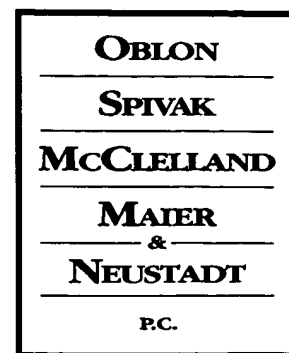




Docket No.: 198004US2

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

GREGORY J. MAIER
(703) 413-3000
GMAIER@OBLON.COM

SURINDER SACHAR
(703) 413-3000
SSACHAR@OBLON.COM

RE: Application Serial No.: 09/678,611

Applicants: Kohji SAKAI, et al.

Filing Date: October 4, 2000

For: SCANNING OPTICAL SYSTEM, OPTICAL
SCANNING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING
APPARATUS

Group Art Unit: 2861

Examiner: Pham, H.C.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

AMENDMENT

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Gregory J. Maier

Registration No. 25,599

Customer Number

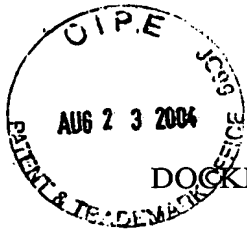
22850

(703) 413-3000 (phone)
(703) 413-2220 (fax)

Surinder Sachar

Registration No. 34,423

I:\ATTY\SNS\19's\198004\AM DUE 082104 CVR.DOC



DOCKET NO: 198004US2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KOHJI SAKAI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: PHAM, H.C.
SERIAL NO: 09/678,611 :
FILED: OCTOBER 4, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2861
FOR: SCANNING OPTICAL SYSTEM, :
OPTICAL SCANNING DEVICE AND
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.